

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DUCHESNE RIVER WATERUSERS' ASSOCIATION
March 20, 1935

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Duchesne River Water Users' Association was held in Duchesne, Utah, March 20, 1935, at 1:00 P.M. in the Court House with the following members present: B. O. Colton, Jr., Water Commissioner; Paul F. Henderson, Chairman; Ione R. Bird, Secretary; Emil Munz, Bliss Lott, Ed. Williams, Frank Defa and Horace Allred, committeemen.

Mr. Henderson, chairman of the committee last year, opened the meeting by calling for nominations for chairman for this year. Mr. Lott nominated Mr. Henderson; seconded by Mr. Defa. Mr. Allred moved that nominations be closed, seconded, and passed.

Mr. Henderson continued the meeting by reading the minutes of the meeting held March 11 by all of the water users under the Duchesne River.

The budget for the coming year was the next subject for discussion. Last year's budget was read by Mr. Henderson and also a tentative budget which Mr. Jerman of the State Engineer's office had suggested to Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson explained that the budget this year might be dropped to one half of the budget of last year and it was probable that it might be even less than that. He explained that the assessments would be sent out as of last year but only one half was to be due on May 1 and the remainder would be due in August.

Mr. Munz asked if there would not be more assessable land this year than last as the Moon Lake acreage would be included. Mr. Henderson answered that this would be the case.

Mr. Allred brought up the question as to whether or not the exchange canal would be of any value this season. Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Larsen had said that the equipment would be left here until the canal was completed through Redcap.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Moon Lake people should be assessed along with the acreages assessed last year. As it was not definitely known whether or not there would be any service to these lands this year, there was considerable discussion. Mr. Colton stated that last year some assessments were canceled where water was not actually received. He stated that last year, land in Red Creek was assessed but no service was rendered and the State Engineer said the land should be taken into the assessment rolls. It was decided by the committee to bring the acreage of the Moon Lake people in with 3,000 acres, assessing them all alike, then raise the probable amount uncollectible in the budget to \$490.00 to include 1,500 acres in Red and Currant Creeks, increasing the total amount of the assessment to \$1,948.00. It was decided that the Moon Lake people would not pay unless service was rendered and if the canal was constructed, the amount necessary to call for in the fall would be less.

Mr. Lett then made the motion that a budget be submitted to the State Engineer in which assessments would be based on irrigated acreage and the acreage of Moon Lake would be included in this. This was seconded by Mr. Dafa, voted upon and carried.

The committee then reported their mileage to and from the meeting as follows: Mr. Allred, Roosevelt, 58 miles; Mr. Dafa, Hanna, 66 miles; Mr. Williams, Duchesne, 10 miles.

The question of delinquents was brought up and Mr. Dafa made the motion that the State Engineer be asked to notify the delinquents that if their assessments were not paid for last year, no more water would be delivered. This motion was seconded by Mr. Allred, voted upon and carried.

A letter which Mr. Hudson had asked the committee to submit to the president was read and it was decided to mail it without comment to the president as it was, signed by Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Huns made a motion that the following be sent to R. A. Hart, Engineer P. W. A. Emergency Work, Federal Building, Salt Lake City:

"Because of the water shortages which have existed on the Duchesne River during the last five years and probability of considerable more acreage being brought under cultivation, it is the earnest request of this committee acting upon a resolution passed unanimously by the general meeting of the Duchesne River water users, attended by 86 men representing 27,000 acres of lands under cultivation, that all requests for storage development on the Duchesne River and its tributaries be given favorable consideration to protect water for lands now under canal and other lands which, will without doubt be brought under canal systems."

The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Huns made a motion that relative to duty schedules, the same plan as followed last year be followed this year until other instructions are issued. Mr. Dafa seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously.

General discussion followed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Paul F. Henderson
Chairman of Exec.

